

MARCH 17, 2011

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: CAMPBELL, GIBBS, WARRUM, STRAW, and WALKER along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins.

The following visitors were present: Jim & Gail Norton, Alvin Blaylock, Martha Raske, Barb & Mick McConnell, Vicki Campbell, Laura Campbell, Gary Owen, Jeanne Maudlin, Paula & Curt Schmitt, Johnathon Scott, David Flanders, Roger & Karen Alphonse, Ryan Farrar, Bobby Grider, and Scott Champlin.

Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion the minutes of the previous meeting and the memorandum of the previous executive session be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Walker announced that Daylight Productions had filmed some scenes for a movie in New Harmony on Sunday. She thanked Town Marshal Champlin for his help with the event. Councilman Walker stated a Chicago production company has shown interest in filming some scenes in New Harmony.

Water/sewer superintendent Ryan Farrar reported the rotor at the sewer plant has been repaired. He also reported the flow is higher than normal due to heavy rains. He encouraged those that have sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system to disconnect them.

Town Marshal Scott Champlin announced he will be doing golf cart registrations from 4:00 to 6:00 on March 22 and from 12:00 to 3:00 on March 26.

Gas/street superintendent Bobby Grider reported he will be opening Murphy Park around the end of March or beginning of April. He also commented there are several trees at the Park that are in need of attention.

Karen Alphonse, with Chic N'Tiques, requested permission to place a few items on the sidewalk in front of their property for their anniversary sale April 15-17. Councilman Walker made and Gibbs seconded a motion the request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ray McConnell requested permission to close Granary St. in front of the Granary on April 16 for the Paint Out. Councilman Gibbs made and Warrum seconded a motion the street closure request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins reported the maintenance agreement on the meter reading equipment is up for renewal. The fee for the one-year period is \$1,160. Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion the maintenance agreement be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell read Ordinance 2011-2 in title only. This ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$150,000. from the gas cash reserve fund to the general fund. Councilman Gibbs made and Straw seconded a motion the ordinance be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins announced tonight is the required public hearing on the additional appropriation for the general fund in the amount of \$150,000. These funds will be used to pay the Town's portion of the costs for the new fire/EMS station.

President Campbell read Resolution 2011-1 in title only. This is the general fund additional appropriation for \$150,000. Councilman Straw made and Walker seconded a motion the resolution be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Walker presented the Ribeyre Gymnasium public restroom agreement. She stated this is the third year for the agreement which allows the Town to have public restrooms during peak tourist season. The total cost to the Town will be \$2,120. Councilman Walker made and Warrum seconded a motion that the agreement be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeanne Maudlin, on behalf of the Friends of the Workingmen's Institute, reported on a public lecture to be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 29. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Barb McConnell announced that George & Peggy Rapp are going to be honored by USI on May 8. She requested that the Town Council adopt a proclamation to honor them on that day.

Councilman Straw made and Gibbs seconded a motion that a proclamation be prepared to honor the Rapp's. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins reported Apple Blossom Carriage Co. had submitted new routes as part of their carriage permit application. Councilman Walker stated the new routes work. Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion the carriage permit application be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Gibbs presented a bid from David Enterprises to pave Brewery St. from South to North and some patching on Arthur at Church. Councilman Warrum stated the Park Board would like the basketball court at Murphy Park to be repaved as well. The total cost for all three projects is \$40,659. Funds are not currently appropriated to cover this. Therefore, the additional appropriation process will need to be followed. Councilman Straw made and Gibbs seconded a motion that the additional appropriation process be initiated so the stated paving may be done. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Walker announced that Maple Hill Road will be cleaned at 4:30 on March 29.

Councilman Straw made and Gibbs seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

David Campbell, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer